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**U.S. Department of Justice**
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives

# Explosives Responsible Person Questionnaire (RPQ)

## Responsible Person Questionnaire

**Each responsible person must complete and sign a separate Explosives Responsible Person Questionnaire (RPQ), ATF Form 5400.27.** If you need to add a responsible person (RP) to your federal explosives license/permit (FEL/P) later, the proposed new RP must complete this Responsible Person Questionnaire and an existing RP under the same FEL/P must write and sign a statement giving permission to add the new RP.

Your license/permit, or new RP status, will be delayed if you do not complete this form and required additional items, or otherwise improperly prepare it.

All new RPs must submit a properly prepared FD-258 (fingerprint card) with this questionnaire. The fingerprints must be clear and must be rolled at a facility using approved technology and equipment. The FD-258 must include "WVATF0900 ATF-FELC, Martinsburg, WV" in the Originating Agency Identifier (ORI) block to facilitate fingerprint processing.

List all given, married, and maiden names in item #4 *(e.g., "Mary Alice (Smith) Jones," not "Mrs. John Jones") (if you need additional space, attach a separate sheet)*

| 1. Federal explosives licensee/permittee name, license name, or applicant name | 2. Federal explosives license or permit number *(if being added to an existing FEL/P)* |
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| 3. Name of responsible person *(last, first, middle)* | 4. Aliases *(include given, married, maiden names)* | 5. Position/title |
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| 6. Social Security number *(voluntary)* | 7. Birth date *(MM/DD/YYYY)* | 8. Birth place *(city & state or foreign country)* |
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| 9. Current full residential address | 11. Personal telephone number *(10-digit)* |
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| | 12. Email address |
| 10. Mailing address *(if different from resident address)* | 13. Driver's license or state ID number *(include issuing state)* |
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| 14. Previous address*(es)* - *(please provide residential history and dates for the past five years. Use additional sheet(s) if necessary.)* | 15. Sex | 16. Height | 17. Weight | 18. Eye color | 19. Hair color |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | ☐ Male<br>☐ Female | _____ Feet<br>_____ Inches | (lbs) | ☐ Black<br>☐ Blue<br>☐ Brown<br>☐ Gray<br>☐ Green<br>☐ Hazel<br>☐ Multiple<br>☐ Pink<br>☐ Other _____ | ☐ Bald<br>☐ Black<br>☐ Blond<br>☐ Brown<br>☐ Gray<br>☐ Red<br>☐ Sandy<br>☐ White<br>☐ Other _____ |

20. Ethnicity
Hispanic or Latino ☐ Yes ☐ No

21. Race *(please check one or more boxes)*
☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
☐ Black or African American
☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
☐ Asian ☐ White

| **For the following questions give full details on a separate sheet for all "Yes" answers as necessary.** | Yes | No |
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| 22. Have you ever held a federal explosives license or permit? *(if known, please include FEL/P name and/or number)* _____ | | |
| 23. Have you ever been a responsible person on a federal explosives license or permit? *(if known, please include FEL/P name and/or number)* _____ | | |
| 24. Have you ever been an employee of a federal explosives licensee or permittee? | | |
| 25. Have you ever been issued a letter of denial for your clearance to possess explosive by ATF? | | |
| 26. Have you ever been granted explosives relief from disability? *(please attach copy of relief letter)* | | |
| 27. Are you under indictment or information in any court for a felony, or any other crime, for which the judge could imprison you for more than one year; Or are you a current member of the military who has been charged with violation*(s)* of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and whose charge*(s)* have been referred to a general court-martial? *(see definitions)* | | |
| 28. Have you ever been convicted in any court, including a military court, for a felony, or any other crime, for which the judge could have imprisoned you for more than one year, even if you received a shorter sentence including probation? *(see definitions)* | | |
| 29. Are you a fugitive from justice? *(see definitions)* | | |

| | Yes | No |
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| 30. Are you an unlawful user of, or addicted to, marijuana or any depressant, stimulant, narcotic drug, or any other controlled substance? **Warning: Using or possessing marijuana remains unlawful under federal law regardless of whether it has been legalized or decriminalized for medicinal or recreational purposes by state law.** | | |
| 31. Have you ever been adjudicated as a mental defective or have you ever been committed to a mental institution? *(see definitions)* | | |
| 32. Have you been discharged from the Armed Forces under **dishonorable** conditions? | | |

33. **Country of citizenship**: *(check/list more than one, if applicable) (nationals of the United States may check U.S.A.)*

☐ United States of America ☐ Other country/countries *(specify)*: _____

| | Yes | No |
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| Have you ever renounced your United States citizenship? *(18 U.S.C. § 842 (i)(7))* | | |
| 35. Are you an alien who has been admitted to United States for permanent residence? *(18 U.S.C. § 842 (i)(5)(A))* | | |
| 36. Are you an alien who has been admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant visa? *(18 U.S.C. § 842 (i)(5)(B))* | | |

37. If you are an alien, record your U.S.-issued alien or admission number *(AR#, USCIS#, or I-94#)*: _____
*(please note that an employment authorization card is insufficient to serve an RP)* **Attach supporting documentation to this questionnaire**

38. Under the penalties imposed by 18 U.S.C. §§ 842 and 1001, I declare that I have reviewed the answers on this form and examined any related documents submitted in regard to this questionnaire, ATF Form 5400.27, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. This signature, when presented by a duly authorized representative of the U.S. Department of Justice, constitutes consent and authority for the appropriate U.S. Department of Justice representative to examine and obtain copies and abstracts of records and to receive statements and information regarding my background. Specifically, I hereby authorize release of the following data or records to ATF: Military information/records pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 842 (i)(6), medical information/records pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 842(i)(4), police and/or criminal records.

| Signature | Printed name | Date |
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**Each responsible person must complete and sign a separate RPQ, ATF Form 5400.27.**

**Attach a 2" X 2" photograph here**

1. Photo must have been taken within the last six months.
2. Photo must have been taken in full face view without a hat or head covering that obscures the hair or hairline.
3. On back of photograph print full name, last four of SSN, and business address.

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**Print full name**

**<u>If applying for a new FEL/P</u>:**
Email or mail license/permit application (ATF Form 5400.13) and a separate RPQ (ATF Form 5400.27), along with fingerprints and photograph, for <u>each</u> responsible person, to:

FELC@atf.gov or
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF)
National Services Center
Federal Explosives Licensing Center (FELC)
244 Needy Road
Martinsburg, WV 25405

**<u>If only adding an RP to an existing FEL/P</u>:**
Each RP being added must complete a separate RPQ, ATF Form 5400.27, and email or mail it, along with their fingerprints and photograph, to: FELC@atf.gov or ATF, National Services Center, FELC; 244 Needy Rd; Martinsburg, WV 25405. The questionnaire*(s)* must be accompanied by a signed written request from a current/existing RP on the license giving permission to add the RP*(s)*.

**<u>Questions:</u>**
If you have any questions relating to this form, please contact the ATF Federal Explosives Licensing Center at 1-877-283-3352, or your local ATF Industry Operations office.

**Instructions/definitions for RPQ, ATF Form 5400.27**
***(Do not return this sheet when submitting your questionnaire if submitting by mail)***

## Instructions

1. **Completing the questionnaire.** Type or print with blue or black ink. Any attached sheets should:

   a. Be identified at the top of each page with your name and Social Security number.

   b. Refer to the item/question*(s)* being answered.

2. **Releasing information** This questionnaire package requires you to authorize others to release certain information to ATF, such as medical information/records. ATF uses this information to determine, for example, whether the applicant has ever been adjudicated as a mental defective or committed to any mental institution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 842(i)(4). This information is protected by the Privacy Act of 1974.

3. **Fingerprint cards and photographs.** The following items must accompany this questionnaire. Failing to submit these items will delay processing and may result in ATF denying this RPQ or, if being submitted with a license/permit application, the entire application.

   a. You must submit a properly prepared Form FD-258 *(fingerprint card)* for each RP, unless they have previously submitted one as an RP for another federal explosives license/permit. The fingerprints must be clear for accurate classification and taken by someone properly equipped to take them. To facilitate fingerprint processing, the FD-258 should list "WVATF0900 ATF-FELC, Martinsburg, WV" in the Originating Agency Identification block.

   b. Submit one color photo, 2x2 inches, for each responsible person. Attach the photograph to the back of their RPQ, ATF Form 5400.27. Ensure that each photograph is clearly identified on the reverse with the RP's full name.

4. **Adding RPs.** You can use this questionnaire to add one or more RP(s) to an existing FEL/P. You must include a signed written request from a current/existing RP already on the license, giving permission to add the new RP. We cannot process a form to add an additional RP to an existing license without the written consent authorizing this action from an existing RP on the license. If you are submitting this RPQ only for this purpose, send it, along with the responsible person's fingerprint card and photograph, to FELC@atf.gov or ATF-FELC; 244 Needy Road; Martinsburg, WV 25405.

5. **Renewal applications.** You must re-certify and submit this form with an Application to Renew Explosives License/Permit *(ATF Form 5400.14)* for current responsible persons on an existing FEL/P. Fingerprint cards and photograph do not need to be resubmitted. If a current responsible person fails to submit an RPQ, ATF Form 5400.27, with the renewal application *(ATF Form 5400.14),* they will be removed from the FEL/P.

6. **Contact us.** If you have any questions relating to this application, please contact the **ATF National Services Center** by mail at **Federal Explosives Licensing Center; 244 Needy Road; Martinsburg, WV 25405**, by phone *(toll-free)* at **1-877-283-3352**, or contact our local ATF Industry Operations office. You can find contact information for your local office at **www.atf.gov**.

7. **Where to send questionnaire.** Make a copy of your completed questionnaire (RPQ, ATF Form 5400.27) for your records, then submit it, for each responsible person *(with properly identified photo and fingerprint card(s) attached),* to:

**FELC@atf.gov or**
**ATF National Services Center**
**Federal Explosives Licensing Center**
**244 Needy Road**
**Martinsburg, WV 25405**

## Definitions

*(for additional definitions, please see 27 CFR 555.11)*

1. **Responsible person.** An individual who has the power to direct the management and policies of the applicant pertaining to explosive materials.

2. **Crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year.** Any offense for which the maximum penalty, whether or not imposed, is capital punishment or imprisonment in excess of one year. The term does not include (a) any Federal or State offenses pertaining to antitrust violations, unfair trade practices, restraints of trade, or (b) any State offense (other than one involving a firearm or explosive) classified by the laws of the State as a misdemeanor and punishable by a term of imprisonment of two years or less.

3. **Fugitive from justice.** Any person who has fled from any State to avoid prosecution for a felony or a misdemeanor, or any person who leaves the State to avoid giving testimony in any criminal proceeding. The term also includes any person who knows that misdemeanor or felony charges are pending against such person and who leaves the State of prosecution.

4. **Adjudicated as a mental defective.** A determination by a court, board, commission, or other lawful authority that a person, as a result of marked subnormal intelligence, or mental illness, incompetency, condition, or disease: *(1)* is a danger to himself or to others; or *(2)* lacks the mental capacity to contract or manage his own affairs. This term shall include: *(1)* a finding of insanity by a court in a criminal case; and *(2)* those persons found incompetent to stand trial or found not guilty by reason of lack of mental responsibility or pursuant to articles 50a and 76b of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, 10 U.S.C. 850a, 876b.

5. **Committed to a mental institution.** A formal commitment of a person to a mental institution by a court, board, commission, or other lawful authority. The term includes a commitment to a mental institution involuntarily. The term includes commitment for mental defectiveness or mental illness. It also includes commitments for other reasons, such as for drug use. The term does not include a person in a mental institution for observation or a voluntary admission to a mental institution.

6. **Explosives.** Any chemical compound, mixture, or device, the primary or common purpose of which is to function by explosion. The term includes, but is not limited to, dynamite and other high explosives, black powder, pellet powder, initiating explosives, detonators, safety fuses, squibs, detonating cord, igniter cord, and igniters.

7. **Explosive materials.** Explosives, blasting agents, water gels and detonators. Explosive materials include, but are not limited to, all items in the "List of Explosive Materials" Provided for in § 555.23.

8. **Federal Explosives License or Permit *(FEL/P).*** A license or permit issued under the provisions of the Safe Explosives Act *(SEA)* to manufacture, import, deal, or use explosives.

9. **Employer Identification Number *(EIN).*** An EIN is also known as federal tax identification number and is used to identify a business entity. Generally, businesses need an EIN. For more information on who needs an EIN and how to apply for one, go to www.irs.gov or refer to 27 CFR § 179.35.

## Privacy Act Information

The following information is provided pursuant to Section 3 and 7*(b)* of the Privacy Act of 1974 *(5 U.S.C. § 552 a(e)(3)):*

1. **Authority.** Solicitation of this information is authorized pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 842 and 843. Disclosure of this information by the responsible person *(RP)* is mandatory if the responsible person wishes to be added the license or permit and possess explosives.

2. **Purpose.** The information collected on ATF Form 5400.13A/5400.16 is used to determine the eligibility of the RP to be added to a license or permit and possess explosive materials.

3. **Routine uses.** The information collected may be disclosed as permitted by the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. § 552a) and in accordance with System of Records Notice (SORN) JUSTICA/ATF-008, Regulatory Enforcement Record System. It may be shared with federal, state, local, tribal, and foreign law enforcement and regulatory agencies for purposes including criminal investigations, inspections, compliance monitoring, and national security, to the extent such disclosure is authorized by law. Finally, the information may be disclosed to members of the public in order to verify the information on the application where such disclosure is not prohibited by law.

4. **Effects of not supplying information requested.** Failure to supply complete information will delay processing and may cause denial of the application.

## Paperwork Reduction Act Notice

This request is in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection is used to determine the eligibility of the applicant to engage in certain operations, to determine the location and extent of operations, and to determine whether the operations will be in conformity with Federal laws and regulations. The information requested is required in order to obtain or retain a benefit and is mandatory by statute *(18 U.S.C. § 843).*

The estimated average burden associated with this information collection is 20 minutes per respondent or record-keeper, depending on individual circumstances. Comments concerning the accuracy of this burden estimate and suggestions for reducing this burden should be directed to Reports Management Officer, Reports Management Officer, Information Technology Coordination Staff, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, 99 New York Ave, NE, Washington, DC 20226.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, an information collection unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget control number.